

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0055:
"Your LHO Preempts 3D, Partner Holds Both
Majors, You Set the Final Contract at 4H, and
Your RHO Leads the Spade 7: What Does
Your RHO's Lead Mean, and What is Your
Tentative 'Line of Play'?"**

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¹ As noted in an article in the Winter/Spring, 2024 article in The American Bridge Teachers' Association (ABTA) Journal, https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/ABTA_1_24.pdf, Esther Klinktoast-Houstonhousen in fact is a hypothetical, and not a real person! So this article was really, really written by Bruce Thompson.

2020 European Swiss Seniors Championship Final Round²

Dealer: **EAST**

Vul: **NONE**

		NORTH (17)		
		S: A Q 8 5 3		
		H: K Q 8 5 2		
		D: K		
		C: K 7		
	WEST (6)		EAST (9)	
S: 7			S: K J 9 6 2	
H: 9 6			H: J T 3	
D: A Q 8 6 5 3 2			D: 9 7 4	
C: 9 8 6			C: A 4	
		SOUTH (8)		
		S: T 4		
		H: A 7 4		
		D: J T		
		C: Q J T 5 3 2		

Bidding

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
PASS	PASS	3 D	4 D
PASS	4 S	PASS	PASS
PASS			

1. What does NORTH's 4**D** Overcall bid say to Partner?
2. WEST leads his Spade 7? How should Declarer SOUTH interpret WEST's lead?
3. Sitting SOUTH as Declarer, what is your planned "**Line of Play**"?

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² This Hand is a *variation* on an actual Board played and bid in the 2020 European Swiss Seniors Championship in the last Round involving the final 2 Tables of 2 Teams, as reported by Larry Cohen on his website in a 12/01/20 article, "In Retrospect", in which the ideas reported here were presented.